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Weekly Newsletter – 25.06.21

Hello! مرحباً! Ahoj! Ola! Dzień dobry! Salut! Helo!

Celebrations!

We have had a week of celebrations at Willows High. We are delighted by the achievements of our staff and pupils. It is great to see that our school values of working hard, being ready to learn and being kind are ever-present throughout the school community. Thank you for ensuring that your child has the best start to everyday by wearing their correct uniform and bringing their equipment.

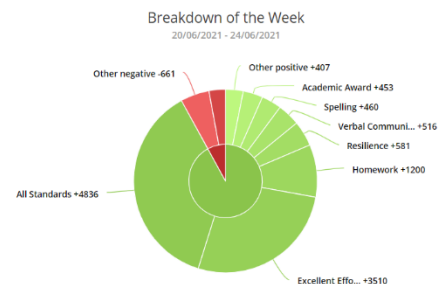
We strongly believe that a smart uniform instils a sense of belonging and confidence in all of our pupils. A reminder that there is help available for eligible families regarding the cost of uniform. Information on this can be found here <https://gov.wales/pupil-development-grant-access>. If you need help regarding the forms you can contact our Family and Community Engagement Officer: Samantha.Watt@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk or on 02922 672744 / 07592 037937 or your child's Heads of Year with any individual problems. The uniform grant has been extended to all years for the current academic year. The closing date for applications, this year, is coming up - 30.06.21 so act now if you believe you are eligible.

A reminder that our generous Year 11's have also donated their blazers and ties and we can also help you in this way if you contact the school.

A huge Willows well done to all of this week's merit winners including Fatima Ahmed from Grey-Thompson and Codae Donnelly-Lewis from Bronte who were the highest merit winners in their classes. We are very proud of you!

Merits – 17.06.21 – 24.06.21:

Year Group	Total Merits	Excellent Effort	Merit Champions
Year 7	5945	7Farah	Kaylum Broad, Chloe Edwards and Samuel Nicolau
Year 8	4158	8Plato	Lucas Boston and Stefan Williams
Year 9	4741	9Schumann	Christelle Tala and Ali Ali
Year 10	3610	10Hepworth	Yosan Yeibiyo



Thank you for ensuring that your child attends school every day – every day in school matters. If your child is absent, you can let us know by:

Ringling School Reception on 029 20414243

E-mailing us at firstday@willows.cardiff.sch.uk

Or by ringing or texting our Attendance Officers on:

Ms. Short (Attendance Officer) - 07733889023

Ms. Davies (Assistant Attendance Officer) – 07733889062

Attendance Help:

Our Attendance Officers are tracking patterns of absence. They have noted that some of parents allow their child to take time off school due to periods. We would like to find out more information on this from both pupils and parents – in order to find solutions to any recurring themes. Please help us by filling in this anonymous questionnaire by 09.07.21:

Pupil Period Questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UjHFHGu57UqoBhCg1HzkvYaUea4-S71BtxFOHda9Bi1UNIRJUlo4Vjk3RkhMWFNMU0JMVE43UTBaNC4u>

Parent Period Questionnaire:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=UjHFHGu57UqoBhCg1HzkvYaUea4-S71BtxFOHda9Bi1UOUNFV0ZKQjNTTFdOUkFOVzllQzczN0I2WC4u>

School News:

Pearson Teaching Award:

We were delighted to present our very own, Mr. Joseph Gill with a prestigious award this week. Mr. Gill has been honoured as one of 102 Pearson National Teaching Silver Award winners from across the country. Mr. Gill's award was for 'Outstanding New Teacher of the Year' for his outstanding commitment to changing the lives of the children he works with every day.

Mr. Gill leads our EAL provision for pupils new to English. His excellent work has enabled vulnerable pupils to continue learning despite the pandemic. He has also created and led an integration programme so that children with little or no English, many of whom having experienced trauma in their own countries, can be supported before entering mainstream education.

He brings learning to life, bringing in tools, construction equipment and gardening utensils in a bid to keep pupils engaged. He also uses his break and lunch times to encourage pupils to play sport, purposefully encouraging different ethnic backgrounds to interact and collaborate.

Joseph Gill has now been shortlisted to win one of just 15 Gold Awards later in the year, in a programme which will be broadcast on the BBC. We all have our fingers crossed and are extremely proud of him, our provision and all of our exceptional school staff who go above and beyond for pupils every day.



Extra-Curricular Activities:

Our fantastic Heads of Year continue to run their after-school clubs every Tuesday and Thursday. These clubs are within year group bubbles and based on ideas from pupil voice. We would like to encourage all members of our school community to join in with these activities. They provide good opportunities to learn new skills, make new friends and enjoy our facilities in a relaxed environment. There are sports, art and craft and drama activities so why not see your Head of Year and join in the fun! Here are Year 10 who had a very competitive volleyball match this week!



8Socrates Charity Work:

8SO are helping Oasis as part of their Genius Hour First Give project. Last Friday, a group of pupils had a video call with the charity and were an absolute credit to our school. The representative from Oasis was really impressed. The pupils showed great interest and had plenty of questions to ask. Well done 8SO!



8Attfield Charity Work:

8AT are helping Boomerang, a charity established by one of our past pupils, which helps homeless people and those in need. 8AT organised and ran a raffle and sold cakes at lunch time. The raffle winners were:

- Eloise Atkinson - 8CA - chocolate hamper
- Megan Jones - 8PL - gift box of toiletries
- Mr Norman - chocolate
- Ms Riley - chocolate
- Jack Osborne - 8SO - box of Maltesers
- Minahil Mohammed - 7MC - box of chocolates
- Mussa Eligbaily - 8SO - box of chocolates
- Deivid Mile - 8SO - chocolate
- Shakeel Osman - 7BO - box of chocolates



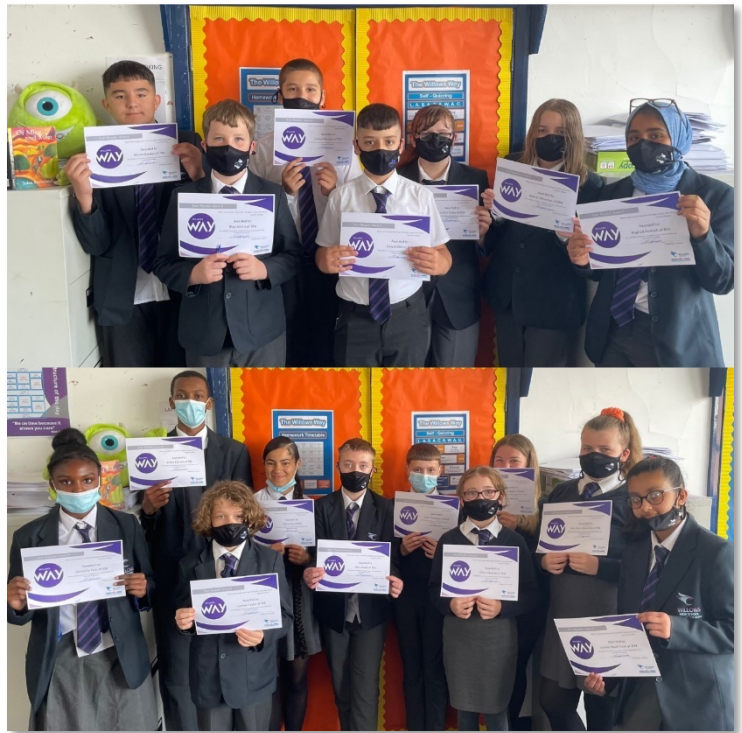
The class raised over £100 for this worthy cause and Miss. Amos was incredibly proud of her form class as always.

English:

We are incredibly proud of this week's star readers! Special shout outs go to:

- Janisse Sharif from 7MK who attends reading club and always reads on MyOn.
- Chloe Edwards from 7FA who always tries hard, reads every night and has just completed 5/5 reading club sessions.
- Samuel Nicolau from 7RA who is such an enthusiastic reader in reading club and is really trying hard to improve his reading age.

Mason Hawker 7RA
Rhys Atkins 7RA
Mia Evans-Marshall 7FA
Lochlan Taylor 7FA
Raghad Alsmadi 8SO
Deivid Mile 8SO
Elisia Langdon 8WO
Lewis Thompson 8WO
Christelle Talla 9BE
Zubair Kalinleh 9BE
Janisse Sharif from 7MK
Chloe Edwards 7FA
Samuel Nicolau 7RA
India James 9SU
Alex Jordan 8CA
Nathan Wiseman 8DB
Caitlin Tovey 8DB



Please continue to support your child with their reading and if you have any questions, please contact Jane.Crawshaw@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk

Reading Recommendations:

This week, Abdi in 7MC has recommended the ‘Hocus Pocus Hotel’ series by Michael Dahl – exciting books about friendship, mystery and magic. It is available free on MyOn to all Willows High School pupils. Why not complete the set for your 20 minutes a night reading practice.

Health and Well-being:

Summer Holiday Cycling Courses:

Cardiff Council are offering on-road National Standard Cycle Training courses (Level 2) during the Summer Holidays. There will be 6 courses with a total of 60 places available. Courses will run for 4 days and are being carried out on the following dates:

- Monday 26th July-Thursday 29th July
- Monday 2nd August-Thursday 5th August
- Monday 9th August-Thursday 12th August

Pupils who wish to attend this course must be aged 9 and over, have access to a bike and helmet and be able to ride and control their bike. This course is free for any child who lives in Cardiff or attends a Cardiff school.

To enquire or book a place on the courses then they will need to email RSO1@cardiff.gov.uk

For High School pupils: if pupils achieve level 2 at the end of the course they can also attend a level 3 course. These courses can be arranged during the summer after they have attended the level 2 course.



Cardiff Foodbank:

Willows High School is a partner agency for Cardiff Foodbank.

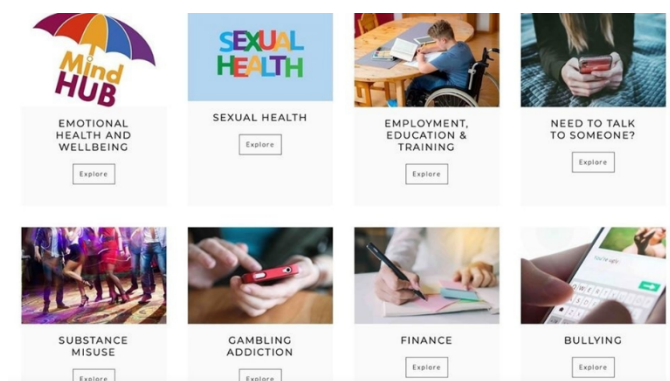
If you need a Foodbank Voucher please call Sam Watt (Family and Community Engagement Officer, Willows) in confidence on 02922 672744/07592 037937

Cardiff Youth Service:

Cardiff Youth Service can support young people on a variety of topics such as emotional health, housing, finance and help lines. More information can be found on their website:

<http://cardiffyouthservices.wales/>

Here is a reminder of some of the key services available for young people and their families:



- **School nurse** – pupils can text 07520615718 or ‘chat’ on ‘Chathealth.NHS.UK’ for confidential advice and support.
- **Family Gateway** – 03000133133 – provides advice for families no matter how big or small the problem.
- **Food Bank*** - our nearest food bank can be found at St. Saviours Church on Splott Road. For dates and times, go to <https://cardiff.foodbank.org.uk/>
- **Period Poverty** – Please e-mail Mrs. Bubbins at Kelly.Bubbins@willows.cardiff.sch.uk if you need feminine hygiene products and we’ll do our best to help.

A reminder that our school safeguarding leads can be contacted if you have any worries or concerns about a child:

-Ian.Whittaker@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk

-Danielle.Mackintosh@Willows.Cardiff.sch.uk

Cyber -Safety:

A reminder that if a child (under 18) is worried about a sexual image or video that has been shared of them online, they can be use @childline and @IWFHotline ‘Report Remove’ tool to see if it can be taken down. Further information can be found at childline.org.uk/remove.

Community:

Cardiff Council – New Willows High School Vision:

An exciting opportunity to help shape the future for Willows High School has been launched. Maybe you are a parent, pupil, local resident or just have lots of ideas? Help create a new curriculum and development of a new school building, before July 23rd by visiting: <https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/21st-Century-Schools/Keep-up-to-date-and-contact-us/Publications/willows-high>

[school/Pages/default.aspx?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Willows+Visioning](https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/21st-Century-Schools/Keep-up-to-date-and-contact-us/Publications/willows-high-school/Pages/default.aspx?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo&utm_content=Willows+Visioning)



Welsh Youth Parliament:

The Welsh Youth Parliament are encouraging all pupils to put forward suggestions for topics and issues to be prioritised by next Youth Parliament, you can do this by completing this form: [What issues would you like to see the Welsh Youth Parliament discuss?](#)

Competition Winners!

Children from Saint Mary the Virgin Church in Wales in Butetown helped design a logo and launch a new service within the Cardiff Health Access Practice. The three logo winners were selected by pupils from our school! Da iawn to all involved!



Willows Waves:

A reminder that our radio station has been re-launched and is going from strength to strength in the hands of some very professional pupils. They are busy recording a number of shows and will also be working in conjunction with SW20 to go global every Thursday at 11:50 am and 1:10 pm. Tune in and support some up and coming talent! You heard it here first!

Diolch:

Thank you for your continued support. Please remember to contact us directly on 029 20414243 or to e-mail your child's Welfare Officer if you need to tell us something or have any suggestions for improvement. We are always happy to listen!

Enjoy your weekend,

Team Willows

A promotional graphic for Willows Waves Radio. It features a blue cloud-like shape with the text 'WILLOWS WAVES RADIO' in white and orange. Above it are social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube. To the right, the text 'EVERY THURSDAY' is written in a large, slanted font, with '11:50 & 1:10' below it. At the bottom, it says 'Exclusively on..' followed by the SW20 logo and 'THE NEW SOUND OF SOUTH WALES'. There are also logos for Amazon Alexa, the App Store, and Google Play.

Geography Riddles

See if you can crack these Geography riddles. E-mail Mrs. Bubbins with the correct answers for a Praise Card:

1. What Am I?

I can show you where things are but I'm not a tour guide
I have a scale but I don't weigh things
I contain roads but I'm not a city
I can be on paper or on a phone but I'm not a shopping list
I can show you what's north, south, west and east but I'm not a compass

2. What Am I?

I can move things even though I can't be seen but I'm not the wind
I shake but you can't drink me
I'm measured on a special scale but I don't weigh anything
I can knock down buildings but I'm not Godzilla
I'm the result of moving plates but I'm not an empty table
I'm caused by faults but no one has done anything wrong

3. This is a large continent
But Asia it is not
Kenya, Egypt, Ghana, Chad
This continent's called what?

4. This is an area with little rain
So you're unlikely to see many trees
Kalahari, Negev, Atacama
Gobi and Sahara – what are all these?



5. When looking at this continent
Some capital cities you might see
Include Warsaw, Prague and Dublin
London, Paris, Rome and Helsinki